

**Office of Student Life  
Fall 90 Quarterly Report**

**Part I. Highlights of Fall Quarter**

**A. Significant Accomplishments**

The Director and the Graduate Assistant of the Office of Asian American Student Series became members of the Asian American Task Force Committee, which received its official charge from the Office of the Provost at the first organizational meeting on November 13, 1990 at 5:30 p.m. in Bricker Hall. The Director is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Task Force. The Steering Committee met twice during autumn quarter.

The Office of Asian American Student Services and the Office of Gay Lesbian Bisexual Student Services moved to their new location in Room 340 of the Ohio Union. The new location has the necessary space for a private director's office, a separate workstudy space, and space for the graduate assistants, Thuy Le, who is a Master's candidate in Public Administration, and Willa Young a doctoral candidate in Sociology. Both women begin work on September 17. Two workstudy students Yeong Seo and Stephen Kaczmarek, also joined the Asian American staff in September. The Office of Asian American Student Service held its 1990 Open House Reception on October 10, 1990 from 4 -6 p.m. in the Main Lounge, Ohio Union.

The Office of Asian American Student Services and the Asian American Association sponsored California performance artist Dan Kwong's "Secrets of the Samurai "Centerfielder" November 17, 1990, at 8 p.m., at Hughes Hall. This event was also supported by the Ohio Arts Council, the Minority Concerns Office of Residence and Dining Halls, the Student Events Committee, Student Life, and the Student Alumni Council. The comic medley to promote Asian American culture was well received by the more than 150 persons in attendance.

The Office of African American Student Services held its Annual Open House on September 21, 1990 at 7:00 p.m., in the East Ballroom, Ohio Union. The attendance was in excess of 500 faculty, staff, and students. The Afrocentric program was well received by all in attendance. African American student organizations participation, and the Imani Dancers were well received too.

The Office of African American Student Services and the Counseling and Consultation Services presented a series of workshops October 2,9,16,23 & November. The topics: "A Success Formula That Works" - a series of career development skill workshops using black role models as facilitators; and "Relationships" a series of discussions on what brings us together and what keeps us apart in relationships as issues facing African American students in a European American environment.

The Office of African American Student Services, the Black Graduate and Professional Student Caucus, and the Office of Minority Affairs sponsored the Annual Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration on November 30, 1990 at 7:00 p.m., at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center. This event focused on the seven principles of the Nguzo Saba. The participation of University faculty, staff, students and Columbus community persons created a culturally uplifting and educational awareness heightening experience of historical and contemporary change. Approximately 500 persons attended.

The Office of Women Student Services, the Department of Black Studies, and the Center of Women Studies sponsored Bell Hooks, Black feminist on campus November 29, 1990 from 4 - 6 p.m., in the Conference Theatre, Ohio Union. Dr. Hooks presentation "Resolving Race, Class, and Gender Issues in Our Society" drew a diverse audience of standing room only. Women Student Services also facilitated Bell Hooks Day on campus.

The office of Women Student Services held a reception for Dr. Elizabeth Gee on November 15, 1990 in the Stecker Lounge, Ohio Union. Approximately 80 to 90 women attended.

The Director of the Office of Hispanic Student Services serve as Chairperson of the Education and Health Committee for the Governor's Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs has advocated with the state legislature for appropriate legislation which will affect the quality of life for Hispanics in the State of Ohio.

The Office of Hispanic Student Services, the Writing Skills Lab, Main Library, Computer Lab, Larkins Hall, and Student Health Center presented a month long orientation for Hispanic students in order to lessen the sense of isolation felt by Hispanic student coming to a major university. This program included a campus and city tour.

The Office of Women Student Services offered two forums that were designed to target specific populations. The first program focused on the African American population was a presentation and discussion lead by Michelle Wright on the topic "In Search of a Womynist Tradition and Consciousness". The second program focused on the Asian American population was the film "The Slaying of the Dragon" that depicts the historical portrayal of Asians and Asian Americans in Hollywood films. A panel discussion followed the viewing of the film. Both events elicit much dialogue, diverse audiences, request for follow-up and excellence attendance.

The University Mentoring Program held its annual Open House on October 3, 1990 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Thurber Theatre, Drake Union. The highlights of the program was the inspiring keynote address by Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr., Special Assistant to the President, Kenyon College, and a special musical rendition of "Young, Gifted, and Black" two peer mentors. There were over 425 UMP participants in attendance.

The University Mentoring Program staff were able to match over 700 participants, and successfully distribute the matches of participants two weeks prior to the opening program. This allowed the mentor/mentee to know who they had been matched with, and make contact before meeting at the program.

The University Mentoring Program and the Residence and Dining Hall Minority Concerns Office in cooperation with other University offices sponsored its annual Cultural Extravaganza on November 15, 1990 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center. Over 300 faculty, staff and student were in attendance for this program.

The Office of Student Life is a major supporter of the Black Issues In Higher Education Teleconference series being offered November through April. The series focuses on several topics including Black Fraternities & Sororities: A Glorious Past, The Road Ahead November 28, 1990; Beyond The Dream III: A Celebration of Black History-The Global Perspective January 31, 1991; The Rise In Campus Racism: Causes & Solutions February 20, 1991; AIDS: Impact On College Campuses-Education, Behavior Modification & Prevention March 31, 1991, and College Athletics In Tradition: The New Rules Of The Game April 17, 1991. Each program will take place from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Ballrooms, Ohio Union.

The Office of Student Life Services staff were involved in creating new office systems, updating office publications, developing work space, and training staff on all functions, and setting goals and objectives as a result of the merge of Student Development and Commuter Student Affairs into the newly formed Student Life Services.

The Office Student Life Services, Judicial Affairs experienced an increase in the number of judicial cases. As a result the hearing officer, and the faculty and student judicial panel conducted seven hearings as compared to two hearing in the past. The judicial affairs hearing officer conducted several preliminary assessment of the judicial case load that result in Student Life adding another 50% time person to the staff in hopes of addressing the back log of cases in order to avoid an immediate crisis in this area.

The Office of Student Organization Services successfully completed registration of 350 student organizations. This process included current officers and adviser information, updated constitutions, demographic information about each organization as defined by the membership. The process although time consuming, allowed the staff to meet with over 100 organization representatives. The staff gained broad insight into the issues affecting student groups, and in most cases began rebuilding bridges with the groups.

The Office of Student Organization Services staff maintained the basic support functions offer to Greek organizations and provided the governance groups with advisement, worked with and provided training for some individual chapters, interacted with national offices and alumni, and advised and assisted fall formal rush to a successful conclusion while completing the search for the Coordinator position. David Strauss has been hired to fill the Greek Affairs position in Student Organization Services beginning January. Mr. Strauss comes to Ohio State from Centre College in Danville, Kentucky.

The Office of Gay Lesbian Bisexual Student Services and the Student Events Committee sponsored presentation of Randy Shilts on October 30, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ohio Union Ballrooms. Mr. Shilts an award winning journalist and author of the book And The Band Played On. The book considered by most to be the definitive book on the Aids epidemic in the U.S. Over 500 people attended his lecture and reception.

#### **B. Activities Related to Student Life Priorities**

The Director of Asian American Student Services did a joint presentation with Rebecca Nelson, Academic Advisor, University College, entitled "Perspectives on Asian Americans" on September 14, 1990 at the Fourth annual conference of the Ohio Coalition On Sexual Assault.

The Director of African American Student Services conducted a Diversity Workshop for the individuals serving on the 1990 Homecoming Judges panel. The workshop was held October 16, 1990 at 5:00 p.m. in Drake Union. The objective of the training was to sensitize the panel members to issues and concerns surrounding reviewing a diverse application pool. The workshop was well received by the participants.

The Coordinator of the Rape Education and Prevention Program in conjunction with International Women's Network, Hispanic Student Services, Asian American Student Services, and Counseling and Consultation Services develop a series of programs for International, Hispanic, and Asian American women as part of the First Sexual Assault Awareness Week held October 15 - 20, 1990.

The Offices of Women Student Service, Hispanic Student Services, African American Student Services, and Asian American Student Services are coordinating a year long series of programs on women of color and feminist issues. The series began fall quarter focusing on Asian American women.

The University Mentoring Program staff implemented Autumn quarter a process for consistently monitoring the UMP participants. This allows for consistent tracking and follow-up of participants progress in mentoring relationships, especially those relationship that are culturally diverse.

The Office Student Life Services staff is coordinating the assessment efforts for Student Life division. A 50% time GAA was hired in September to assist with their efforts. The staff member has initiated efforts to gather information on existing data, and to meet with Student Life A & P staff members to assess their needs and desire concerning assessment. The long-term focus of this assessment project is to enable us to evaluate the quality of student's experiences in the University environment.

The Coordinator for the Office of Student Organization Services, Governances facilitated a diversity awareness class session for the Mansfield Campus Leadership Development class. The participants focused on diversity from a very broad perspective. The feedback from the participants on content, experience and presentation indicates that the session was well received.

The Office of Gay Lesbian Bisexual Student Services drafted a "Community Resources" brochures designed for the Gay community at The Ohio State University. Final editing and distribution is scheduled for late winter quarter.

## **Part 2. Anticipated Activities of Winter Quarter**

The Director of Asian American Student Services is working with the Asian American Student Services Task Force Committee to develop a Needs and Program Assessment of Asian American students at The Ohio State University.

The Director of the Office of Asian American Student Services is advising the Asian Awareness Week Committee, which is organizing activities for May 5 - 12, 1991. The week will include a dance, a world food fair, videos and films, workshops, among other events.

The Office of African American Student Services will coordinate the 21st United Black World Week Celebration, February 9 - 16, 1991. The theme this years is "A Celebration of Our Spirituality: Preserving the Bonds of our African Community." The highlight activities that will enhance the knowledge and understanding of African American culture includes Kick-Off Program and Dedication Ceremony, African Worship Service, Children's Cultural Hour, Oratorical Contest, First Annual "IGBAJO" Ball, Community Emphasis Day, and numerous of workshops, seminars, and lectures.

The Director of the Office of Women Student Services will be involved in programming with the Black Studies Extension Center. The Office will be sponsoring eight programs in conjunction with Black Studies winter quarter.

The Director of the Office of Women Student Services will be reviewing candidates to replace the Coordinator's position in Rape Education and Prevention Program left vacant by Sue Green leaving effect January 18, 1991.

The Director of the Office of Hispanic Student Services will serve as a member of the Hispanic Action Plan Steering Committee to ensure that Hispanic students at The Ohio State University receive from the administration appropriate support to enhance the recruitment and retention programs in order to develop a model program.

The Director of the Office of Hispanic Student Services will be assisting the Director of the Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs with the implementation of a two day conference at Ohio University May 1 - 3, 1991. The conference will focus on educational, socioeconomic and political issues affecting the Hispanic constituency in the State of Ohio.

The Office of Student Life Services' Peer Assistant Program and the Residence Hall Advisory Committee will sponsor the National Collegiate Drug Awareness Week, March 4 - 8, 1991. Activities will include an informational mini-fair, educational movies, a volleyball tournament, and a poster series.

The Office of Student Life Services staff will conduct user evaluation project. The process was created to obtain information on the office's services, publications, staff, etc. The results of the evaluation enables the office to assess its services and implement the necessary changes to better meet the needs of commuter students.

The Office of Student Life Services will respond to the University's Parking and Planning Report. The input will advocate the commuter perspective and will strive to educate others about the potential results of their report's recommendations.

The Office of Student Organization Services will have David Strauss joining the staff in January as the Coordinator for Greek Affairs. This will allow the office to be at full "permanent" staffing level for the first time since 1989.

The Director of Student Organization Services will continue to advise Black Greek Council, focusing on basic organizational issues, program planning, and organizational financial status.

The Director of Student Organization Services will meet with the Dean of Students, and the Vice-Provost for Student Affairs to discuss the issue of student organization's bad debts. Two types of bad debts will be discussed 1) those reflected in the SOFO Past Balances account, and 2) those currently being carried in the Purchased Fund.

The Office of Gay Lesbian Bisexual Student Services will begin a Speakers' Bureau. Faculty, staff and students will be able to call the office to arrange to schedule a presentation on the topic "Facts about Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual People".

The Office of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Services will coordinate Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Awareness Week February 22 - March 3, 1991. Numerous of activities including national speakers will be offered.

The University Mentoring Program will hold two sessions on "Understanding Afrocentricity From A Student's Perspective" for all peer and professional mentors. The session will be held January 14 & 17, 1991 from 12 - 1:30 p.m. in the Memorial Room, Ohio Union. Mentors have the option of selecting one of the session to attend.

### Part 3. Calendar of Events

January 5	IFC/WPA New Officers Workshop
January 8	990 Tax Form Workshop 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Ohio Union
January 10	990 Tax Form Workshop 10:00 - 12:00 p.m., Ohio Union
January 14	Student Life Service Staff Training on Aids
January 15	Order of Omega Initiation Ceremony 7:00 p.m., Fraternity Managers Association Office
January 20	Speakers' Bureau Training 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Ohio Union
January 24	Self Defense for Lesbians, Gay men & Bisexuals 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Ohio Union
January 25	Perceptions and Values: To What Degree to Mainstream 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Gray Suite G, Ohio Union
January 29	Japanese Minister's Racial Remarks: What Impact on Asian Americans in the U.S. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Buckeye Suites A - C, Ohio Union
February 2	Greek Leadership Conference
February 4	Student Life Services Staff Training on Diversity

February 8	History of Indians Living in U.S. 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., Gray Suite G. Ohio Union
February 22 - March 3	Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Awareness Week times and locations to be announced
February 26	Film - Ping Pong 6:00 - 9:30 p.m., The Tavern. Ohio Union
February 27	Unity Amidst Diversity 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., Gray Suite G. Ohio Union
March 4 - 8	National Collegiate Drug Awareness Week
March 6	Self Defense For Lesbian, Gay Men and Bisexuals 12:00 - 2:00 p.m., location to be announced

Additional calendars attached.